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TO OBTAIN INVITATION TO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAWS OF WAR

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1. THE MORE I THINK OF THE POINTS MADE IN REF A REGARDING "PRG"
RESERVATIONS TO ARTICLE 4 OF GENEVA CONVENTIONS, THE MORE I
BECOME CONVINCED THAT GEORGE ORWELL'S WORLD OF "DOUBLE SPEAK"
HAS ARRIVED PREMATURELY.

2. ISN'T IT TRUE THAT WERE THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND TO
INVITE THE "PRG" UNDER THE TERMS OF THAT RESERVATION IT WOULD
BE GIVING TACIT APPROVAL TO ACCORDING POW STATUS TO THE TERRORISTS
WHICH HAVE ALREADY COST THE SWISS SO MUCH? AND COULD WE NOT
BEGIN TO ADVANCE THE SAME ARGUMENT IN CAPITALS TO THOSE
GOVERNMENTS, ASSUMING THE GOS DOES NOT EXTEND INVITATION,
WHICH MUST THEN DECIDE ON QUESTION OF "PRG" ADMISSION?

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